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Mysuru-Kodagu voting percentage

ASSEMBLY SEGMENT	FINAL TOTAL PERCENTAGE
Madikeri	76.71
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Periyapatna	78.60
Hunsur	77.45
Chamundeshwari	71.75
Krishnaraja	60.36
Chamaraja	59.93
Narasimharaja	60.60
TOTAL	69.25

Mysuru, Apr. 19 (RK&BCT)- Three-tier security has been provided at Maharani's College of Commerce and Management in Vinayakanagar (Paduvarahalli) where the Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs), Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trial (VVPAT) machines and the Control Units are stored in strong rooms.

Votes were polled across eight Assembly segments (Chamaraja, Narasimharaja, Krishnaraja, Chamundeshwari, Hunsur, Periyapatna, Virajpet and Madikeri) that form the Mysuru-Kodagu Parliamentary seat yesterday and the counting will be held on May 23. The round-the-clock security will be present till the counting is over.

While the Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry was used to store EVMs and related paraphernalia before the elections, the Maharani's College of Commerce and Management is being used as strong rooms.

The inner layer of security is provided by Central Armed Police Force, the second layer security is provided by City Armed Reserve Police and the outer layer security by the City Police.

The ground, first and second floors of the building are being used as strong rooms and each Assembly segment has three rooms to store the EVMs, Control Units, VVPAT machines and postal ballots. In all, 24 rooms have been used for the Parliamentary seat and eight big halls have been allotted as counting centres.

After the polling concluded at 6 pm yesterday, the machines were sealed by the respective booth-level Presiding Officers and were handed over to the Assistant Returning Officers of the respective segments.

They were brought to the Maharani's College of Commerce and Management under tight Police security.

(See EVMs on page 9)

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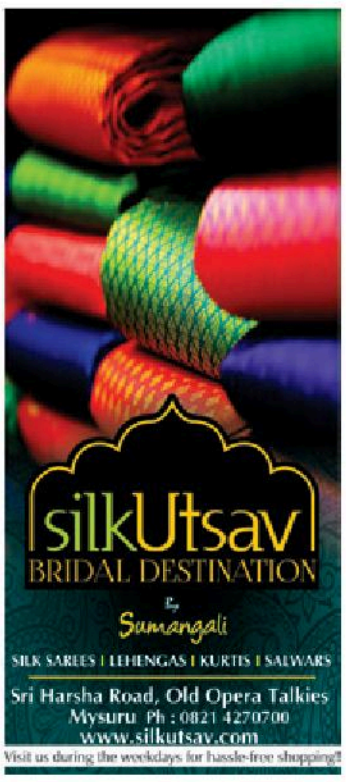
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Information inundation Data deluge

We are in an era witnessing *false* news and *paid* news being bestowed more importance by the readers of dailies and viewers of television channels of their choice than *news* as the term's accepted meaning has got morphed, the accusing finger pointed towards the media in general and some well-marked sources of *news* in particular. Both freedom of speech and freedom of press, the former freedom implying the latter, as provided in the nation's Constitution, being conditioned by well-meant fetters, the prime purpose of the free press guarantee is regarded as creating a *fourth* institution *outside* the Government as an additional *check* on the three official branches namely Executive, Legislative and Judiciary. It is the primary function of the press to provide *comprehensive* and *object* information on all aspects of the country's social, economic and political life. One is prompted to perceive this phenomenon of freedom as a factor causing both inundation of information (valid or otherwise) and deluge of data (real or contrived), leaving the target sections perplexed, confused, amazed and feeling lost as the outcome at the end of the day.

India is among the top nations with professionals in the area of Information Technology (IT), excelling particularly in computer software making the task of analysing data and drawing inferences from information of mountainous proportions as mere child's play. However, the country's literati is yet to come to grips in the matter of keeping themselves abreast of the goings on.

The most crowded space profuse with information sourced to countless origins in virtually every language across the globe, including Kannada, is unarguably *internet*, said to be browsed several billion times 24x7. Access to its enormous stockpile of not only virgin matter but also analysis and interpretation by the knowledgeable flock has been made virtually effortless by the touch of the monitor of various devices such as smart phones, ipads and so on. Keeping uptodate with happenings in myriad sectors of human activity in the face of breaking news is bugged by the fear of missing out, a study has warned. The research, published in the journal *Nature Communications*, cited in a section of the press, has revealed that the fear occurs not only on social media but also across diverse domains including websites.

The virtual *army* of personnel deployed on poll-related duties, apparently overwhelmed by the load of data and information on both the electorate mass and procedure for conducting election flawlessly, reportedly missed out deletion of the name of cricket icon honoured as Karnataka's Election Ambassador in the official list of voters, a classic case of missing woods while counting the trees.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Residents of a small hamlet in Chhattisgarh are in a quandary. The village has no direct or indirect connection with the now infamous "Rafale deal" but its inhabitants have become the butt of jokes for people in neighbouring villages and the many visitors. The reason? The name of this village is Rafel and it rhymes with Rafale, the twin-jet fighter aircraft from Dassault Rafale in the middle of a huge controversy this election season. Rafel residents are now demanding the name of the village be changed — some of them even joke that villagers will face an enquiry if the Congress comes to power. — In Business Standard

NEWS SPARKLERS

Tree leaves turn into beautiful art works

Kazakhstan: Kanat Nurtazin, a Kazakhstan-based artist, describes his leaf cutting art as a way of giving tree leaves a second life in which they can tell a new story through his intricate designs.

Kanat embarked on an project he named '100 Methods of Drawing' for which he experimented with various ways of expressing his artistic talent four years ago and it was through this project that he discovered leaf cutting, which became one of his favorite techniques. He likes the ephemeral nature of tree leaves, the fact that, much like human lives, they are perishable, but also that he can breathe new life into them as a medium to share stories with his audience.

Kanat Nurtazin starts by searching for intact tree leaves suitable for his designs. He then glues them onto pieces of thick paper to make them sturdier and more durable, draws his designs on the paper, and uses a razor to cut the leaf. But his work isn't complete until he finds a suitable backdrop for each of his carved leaves, to help him tell his story.

Man who spent 50 hours at Internet Cafe left paralyzed

Bejing: A man was recently hospitalised after the staff at a local internet cafe noticed that he hadn't got up from his seat in 50 hours. They later found that he was paralysed with stroke.

The unnamed man arrived at the internet cafe on the morning of March 31st and never got up from his chair for the next 50 hours. It was only on the evening of Apr. 2 that the staff checked CCTV cameras and noticed that he had been there for over two days. When they checked on him, they found that he was paralyzed.

Doctors diagnosed him with massive cerebral infarction on the left basal ganglia and frontotemporal lobe, otherwise known as a stroke.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Is cancer a modern day disease?

Dr. Albert Schweitzer found no cancer among the Gabon natives in West Africa. No cancer was found among the natives of Brazil and Ecuador. The same was true with the Hunza people in Northern Pakistan, as well as the Inuit Eskimos. Now, with the western diet, their cancer rates are comparable to those in America.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Admissions to Specific Category children

Mysuru, Apr.19- Government Residential School for Specific Category Children (Nirdista Vargada Makkala Sarkari Vasathi Shale), Mosque Road, Nazarbad, has invited applications for admissions from Class 6 to 8 for the academic year 2019-20, under Sarva Shikshana Abhiyan.

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"Digital India" absent at polling booths

Sir,

In the polling for MP elections yesterday, it was pathetic to see polling staff and assistants carrying so many loose sheets of voter ID slips and precariously balancing the same on their thighs and hands. They were fumbling with so many loose sheets of voters list which were prepared in different arrangements like alphabetical, serial number, street wise, area wise etc. Yet many voters were confused as to whom to approach to get the voter ID slips and where to vote.

There were many more party workers doing more or less the same type work outside the premises, 200 meters away, under a tree, or a bus shelter. All these papers finally end up in garbage bins the next day, or strewn on the street. Is this an environmental-friendly process? Could we not have used paperless electronic kiosks to guide the voter to the right queue? At least the staff could have been provided with electronic tablets to locate the desired information on the screen.

Also why print the voters list to carry the deleted names that too with a stamp of "Deleted" on the voter's name? It may be noted that the word "deleted" is computer printed and not hand written or rubber stamped after printing a final list. Will it not lead to an obvious conclusion that some malpractice is at play? It is baffling to see the name on the list and then deleting the same and exhibit the deletion using computer graphics. Hope some higher authority will go deep into this matter and fix the responsibility.

—Prof. B.S. Shankara (retd.)

Mysuru 19.4.2019

Thanks to Helpline 1950

Sir,

I would like to thank the Mysuru district administration, particularly the DC and the entire team of election officials for the Helpline No. 1950 which enabled us in locating our correct booths. Though this phone line was extremely busy but after some waiting and continuous calls our queries were patiently answered by the officers concerned and thus they have helped many voters to cast their votes.

—Syed Jabir Hassan

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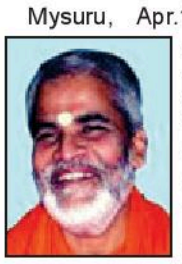
Spiritual discourse in Kannada on Narada Bhakti Sutra



Mysuru, Apr.19- Chinmaya Mission, Mysuru, has organised a spiritual discourse in Kannada on 'Narada Bhakti Sutra' by Pujya Swami Brahmananda Saraswathi at **Sri Sharada Sringeri Mutt, Fort Mohalla, Mysuru, from Apr. 21 to 28 from 6.30 pm to 8 pm daily**.

Starting from Apr. 22 between 6 pm and 6.30 pm, there will be Sri Vishnu Sahasranama Chanting.

Pujya Swami Brahmanandaji (Head of Chinmaya Mission, Karnataka) is a direct disciple of Pujya Gurudev Swami Chinmayanandaji and has dedicated his life to fulfilling his Guru's dreams for many decades now.

Spiritual seekers of Mysuru are specially drawn to him for his detailed analysis of the Bhagavad Gita, Upanishads, Mukunda Mala, Manku Thimmana Kagga and many other such Vedantic texts which are difficult to understand without the Guru's guidance.

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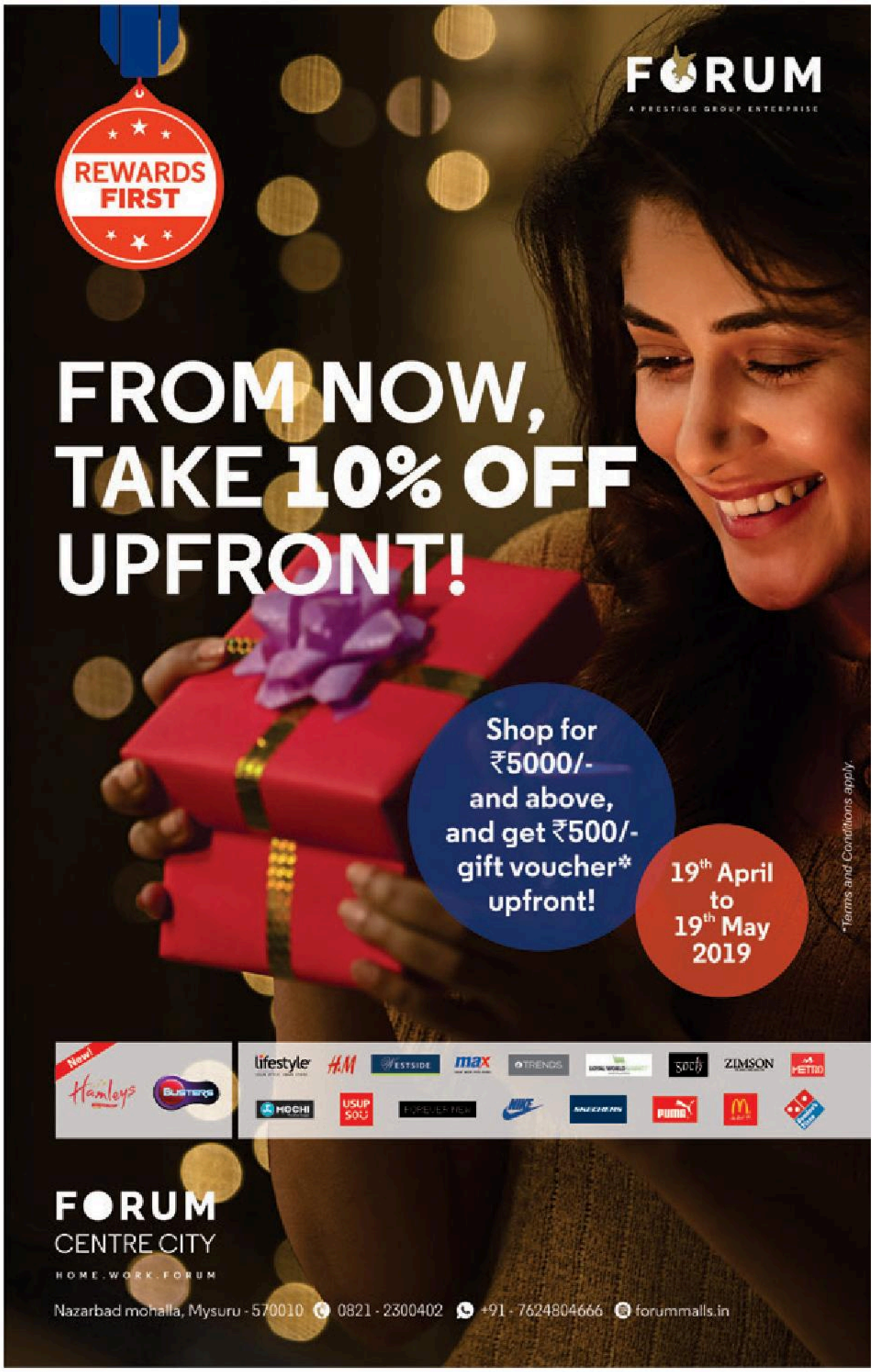


NEWS BRIEFS

Story-telling

Kalasuruchi has organised story-telling for kids by Dr. Jamuna Rani V. Mirle, Artist, Mysuru, tomorrow (Apr. 20) from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm at Suruchi Rangamane, # 476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar. For details, call Ph: 0821-2541795 or Mob: 92435-81097.

Swathi puja

Sri Lakshminarasimha Swamy Temple of Melukote Yadugiri Yathiraj Mutt's Shaka Mutt, Kalidasa Road, has organised 'Swathi Puja' at its premises on Apr.20. Mahasudarshana Sankalpa Homa and Special Abhisheka at 7.30 am; Special decoration at 12.30 pm; Mahamangalarathi and prasadam distribution at 1 pm. Prakarotsava will be performed at 7.30 pm and Mahamangalarthi at 8 pm.

Vocal concert

Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Charitable Trust, Srirampet, as part of 129th anniversary celebration, has organised a vocal recital by Trichur Brothers Vid. Krishna Mohan & Vid. Ramkumar Mohan this evening at Alamma Choultry, Kunchitagara Sangha, Srirampet from 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm. They will be accompanied on violin by Vid. B.K. Raghu, mridanga by Vid. Trichur Mohan and ghata by Vid. Kovai Suresh.

Ph.D awardee

Sindu Koppa, a faculty from Department of MBA, JSS Science & Technology University, has been awarded Ph.D in Management by the Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) for the topic "A study on Employer Branding Practices in selected service sector firms." She worked under the guidance of Dr. P. Nagesh, Professor and Head, JSS Centre for Management Studies, JSS Science and Technology University, Mysuru.

Obituary

N.R. Gopinath

Mysuru, Apr. 19 - N.R. Gopinath (83), a resident of Krishnamurthypuram, passed away yesterday in Bengaluru following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife Pushpa, son Deepak, daughter Seema and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held this afternoon at Bengaluru, according to family sources.

Missing names leave many city residents dejected

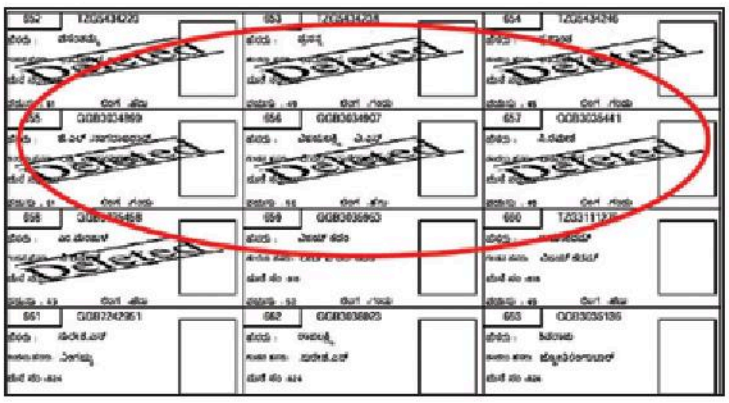
State Chief Electoral Officer to order probe into deleted names from voters list

Sanjiv Kumar

Mysuru, Apr. 19- The issue of voters' names going missing, a common complaint, returned to haunt this Lok Sabha elections too, particularly in several areas of Mysuru. A substantial number of voters holding ID cards issued by the Election Commission could not exercise their franchise as their names were missing from the voters list, mostly in Chamaraja and Narasimharaja Constituencies.

These residents, who regularly voted and had not changed their residences, were livid that their right to vote has disappeared into the black hole of official apathy.

Hundreds of voters complained that though they had voter ID cards they found their names simply had vanished from the voters' list at the polling booth. Some were angry while some said they felt "they were unimportant". "We have been the residents of the same area since many years and we have voted in the last Assembly elections and the elections held for Mysuru City Corporation and how come our



names have been deleted now," voters questioned.

One Prashanth, who was "denied" his right to vote said, "I am a permanent resident in Chamaraja Assembly Constituency and seven members of my family hold ID cards issued by the EC but our names were deleted in the electoral list." He, however, refused to attribute any particular party for not finding his family members' name in the voters list. The same was the case of his neighbours whose names were missing in the electoral list.

Many voters went to the polling booths at Chamaraja and Narasimharaja Constituencies only to find that although their names and photos were intact on the referral list, the word "deleted" was marked against their names.

Even in Bengaluru, many voters found their names missing from the electoral list and blamed the Election Commission and its officers for the lapse. Meanwhile, the BJP lodged a complaint with **Chief Electoral Officer for Karnataka Sanjiv Kumar** and demanded a probe.

Election Officers, however, say that deletions were done after officials found that voters were not staying in the said address. All *suo-motu* deletions were done before Jan. 16, 2019, when the final rolls were published. We repeatedly asked citizens to check for their names on the list. But most of them only turned up on the polling day and complained, they said.

Admitting that there were complaints about missing names, Sanjiv Kumar said they would be looked into and a probe will be ordered. No en masse deletion of names has happened after the summary revision in January, he said.

Reacting on the issue, **Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra** said that the officials have to take the blame for the lapse. "The names of many voters have been deleted after the last Assembly elections and many voters have complained to me that their names have been intentionally deleted though they continued to stay in the same area. This is a conspiracy as many traditional BJP voters have been deleted," he alleged.

The Election Commission must hold a probe and take action against the officers who have conducted the area survey and who have deleted the names. He alleged that this was a conspiracy to defeat BJP candidate Pratap Simha.

Corporator K.V. Sridhar has also said that the names of the voters were deleted as part of a conspiracy and the District Electoral Officer must clarify. Though many awareness programmes have been held to increase voter awareness, they serve no purpose if the names are missing from the voters list, he said.

LS Polls: Cash, contraband seizures cross Rs. 2,600 crore mark

New Delhi, Apr. 19 (UNI)- Since the announcement of the dates of the Lok Sabha elections in March, enforcement agencies have seized cash and contraband amounting to Rs. 2,600 crore as of Apr. 17 when compared to the Rs. 1,200 crore during the general election in 2014.

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Sunil Arora confirmed that the total seizure of cash, liquor, gold and other items surpassed a staggering Rs. 2,628 crore. As per the figures, the highest seizures were recorded from Gujarat to the tune of Rs. 543 crore followed by Tamil Nadu where sleuths seized cash and contraband amounting to Rs. 514 crore. Other States with seizures worthy of mentioning were the national capital region with Rs. 390 crore and Andhra Pradesh with Rs. 216 crore.

This data released by the ECI has cast a shadow on the very notion of free and fair elections in the world's largest Parliamentary

A file photo of a check post

democracy. What is even more worrying is that a lion's share of seizures comprises narcotics followed by liquor and gold.

These factors clearly indicate that despite enforcement agencies and the polling officials working tirelessly into the night across the length and breadth of the country, India's most crucial elections are being contested by political stakeholders on the basis of money and muscle power rather than sound policy-making.

In fact, Model Code of Conduct (MCC) violations in these elections have crossed a whole new threshold to the extent that the polling body had to restrict senior political leaders such as Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) campaigner Yogi Adityanath along with former cricketer and Indian National Congress (INC) campaigner Navjot Singh Siddhu. Samajwadi Party (SP) leader Azam Khan and former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister and Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) supremo Mayawati have been subjected to bans of over 48 hours from campaigning.

Data published on the ECI's official website shows that as of Apr. 17, the body has recorded MCC violations by 372 persons, parties, organisations or Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs).

Hoteliers' discount offer on food evokes good response from voters

Voters were offered 50 per cent discount on food at Preethi Sagar hotel in Shivarampet yesterday.

Mysuru, Apr.19 (MK&NNN)- The efforts by the Mysuru Hotel Owners' Association to increase voter turnouts in the Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha constituency by offering discounts on eatables has evoked a great response from the voters.

74 hotels in city had offered special discounts which in turn boosted the voter turnout. The first time voters above the age of 18 and senior citizens were offered 50 per cent discount on breakfast and lunch.

The hotels that gave 50 per cent discount included Mahesh Prasad, Nalpak, Vishnu Bhavan, Preethi Sagar, Indra Bhavan, Mysuru Mylari, Apoorva, Shringar, Dosa Point, Country Cuisine, Udupi Ruchi, Bombay Tiffanies, Suvarna Bhavan, Kamadhenu, Ashirvad Grand, Golden Residency, Dolphin Bakery Group, Golden Castle, Cauvery, GTR, Sridevi, Ajantha, Dewans, Amrit Veg, Manna Ras Sweets, N Spices Group, Modern Cafe to name a few.

The first time voters were first checked for voter ID slip and then given concession and the senior citizens were checked whether they had cast their votes and given concession. While a few hotels gave concession only to first time voters, others gave concession on food and lodging to everyone.

The owner of Preethi Sagar hotel in Shivarampet, Narayan Kunder speaking to *Star of Mysore* said that nearly 60 to 70 voters who had visited his hotel were given 50 per cent concession.

There was a good response to the discount offer and the voters had responded in a big way, he added. Apoorva hotel owner Suresh said that first time voters were given 50 per cent discount on eatables and this move on the part of Hotel Owners Association had definitely helped increase voter turnout.

Among the voters who made use of the discount offer, there were 1,282 first time voters and 122 voters above the age of 60. However, none of the senior citizens who were offered 50 per cent discount had utilised the offer. But overall, the response for the offer was really good.

—C. Narayanagowda
President, Mysuru Hotel Owners' Association

Woman conducts last rites of husband after voting

Mysuru, Apr.19- Not willing to let go the opportunity for exercise of franchise inspite of tragic circumstances, a woman, who lost her husband on Thursday morning, conducted his last rites after casting her vote along with eleven other family members at a polling booth in city yesterday.

Srinivas, a resident of JP Nagar passed away on Thursday morning. Braving the tragedy that stuck her, deceased Srinivas' wife Rajeshwari went along with her family members and cast her vote at a polling booth after which the last rites of Srinivas was conducted, it is learnt.

Farmer dies after casting vote

Mandya, Apr.19- A 30-year-old farmer died after casting his vote at Mallanayakanakatte village in Mandya taluk yesterday.

Bommegowda (30) is the deceased. Bommegowda, who exercised his franchise in the morning, was taking rest at his house, when he reportedly died of a heart attack.

Woman casts vote after conducting last rites of husband

In another incident, a woman from KRS cast her vote after performing the last rites of her husband who died on Wednesday.

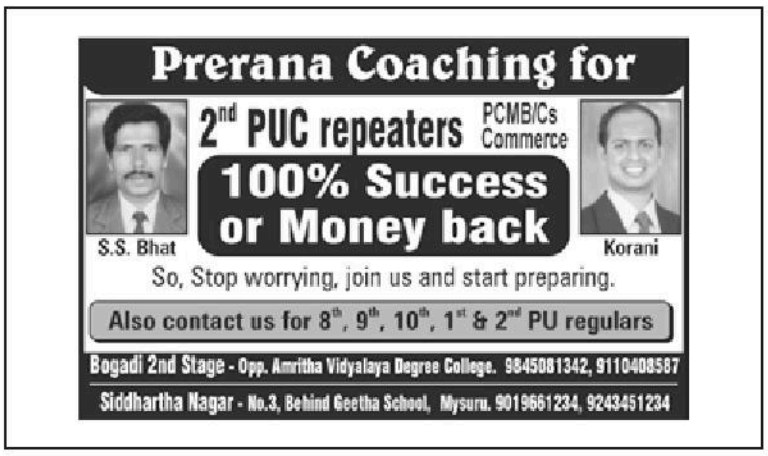
Satish Jain, a resident of KRS in Srirangapatna taluk reportedly died of a heart attack on Wednesday.

His wife Madhu Jain, after performing the last rites of her husband on Thursday morning, cast her vote at KRS booth No. 212, it is learnt.

Woman ends life after voting

Chikkamagalur, Apr.19- In a tragic incident, a woman committed suicide at her house by hanging self after exercising her franchise at Chikkamagalur town on Thursday.

Nafeesa, sister of Javeed of ABC Coffee Curing Works at Chikkamagalur, cast her vote in the town for Udupi-Chikkamagalur Constituency yesterday and returned home. She is said to have ended her life by hanging self sometime later.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Obelisk, a forgotten monument at Srirangapatna

By Arup Polash

I recently visited Srirangapatna, near Mysuru. On the western most corner of Srirangapatna Fortress lies a War Memorial commemorating the Victory of the British over Tipu Sultan in 1799. It's not on the usual tourist circuit for Srirangapatna. Nothing very unusual, one might say. However, a close look at the Memorial (now marked by Archaeological Survey of India - ASI just as an Obelisk) reveals much more.

The Memorial was built by the Government of Mysore during the reign of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar in 1907, to celebrate the defeat of Tipu in 1799. What prompted the Maharaja to celebrate this occasion, that too more than a century after the battle? One can only imagine that this was done as a mark of gratitude by the Wadiyars for getting back their throne. This may also explain the reason as to why locals are not too keen to show this to tourists.

Amongst the dead from the British side are more than a hundred 'natives'. The Obelisk notes 108 Killed, 385 Wounded and 97 Missing from the "Native Troops". They were from both, Bombay and Madras Presidencies.

Military historians note that this was the first time that both the Presidencies had to fight a battle together to defeat any Indian ruler. There are many Indian Army Regiments which draw their lineages from the British Indian Army and a few of them do count Srirangapatna as one of the Pre-Independence Battle Honours. These are not officially recognised anymore because they were against Indian Rulers.

The War Memorial seen at a distance from the signboard.

Notably, Tipu had upset his relations with all his neighbours due to his constant expansionist policies. Marathas, Nizam, Malabar and Coorgies (Kodavas) all assisted the British in this War.

I don't know how many such structures survive in India today, but there are many amongst us who may look at these with discomfort due to the entire Native versus Local aspect. We should not be in a hurry to ignore these stories (or brush them under the carpet) for they tell us so much about the real socio-politico military reality of India in those days.

A view of River Cauvery in Srirangapatna.

About Obelisk

The Obelisk stands at the centre of an expansive and concentric series of steps, on a high point close to the fort walls. The four plaques fixed on the square base are inscribed with various details. Above the base structure is a conical projection supported by four cannon balls. Another canon ball is fixed at the very top too. The inscription on one side reads *"This monument is erected by the Government of Mysore in 1907 in order to commemorate the siege of Seringapatam by the British forces under Lieutenant General G. Harris and its final capture by assault on 4th May 1799, as also the names of those gallant officers who fell during the operations."*

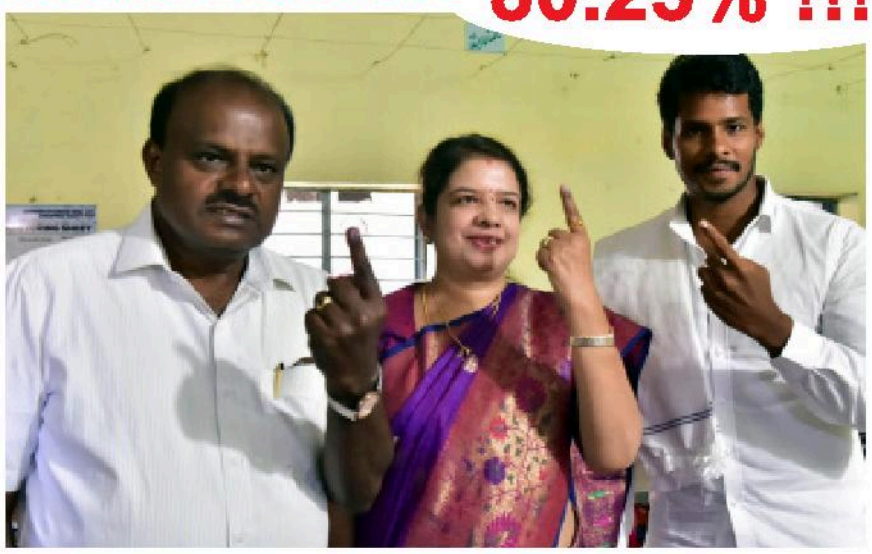
The next side is a corps wise table that lists the number of soldiers and officers wounded, killed or missing for the siege (4 April to 4th May 1799). The final tally reads as Killed-192, Wounded -657 and Missing -25. So that's the official version of the damage the British corps suffered at Srirangapatna.

The other two sides list the rank, name and the regiment of the European officers killed.

Though it is not very difficult to access, Obelisk is not as frequented by tourists as other nearby attractions in Srirangapatna. Historically this sits on a very eventful place during the siege of Srirangapatna.

In Dance of Democracy, Mandya is Super Star

Thousands of women from hinterlands push up voter turnout to a surprise 80.23% !!!



Mandya, Apr. 19 (OSR)- The first phase of polling in 14 Constituencies of Karnataka went off peacefully and yet again, Mandya was the most-watched contest and in the test of democracy, the Constituency passed with flying colours. True to its top billing, Mandya, where Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy's son **Nikhil** is pitted against late actor Ambarish's wife **Sumalatha,** recorded an unprecedented 80.23 percent polling — the highest in the State for Parliamentary polls since 1950s.

Notably, women turnout was massive in Mandya and even Kumaraswamy had sarcastically remarked that the media had given more electoral coverage to Sumalatha than Prime Minister Modi. Polling that began on a sombre note in the morning picked up pace as the day progressed and by afternoon, it crossed 50% mark, touching 80.23% by evening.

High voting percentage was reported in hinterlands of Mandya particularly in Doddarasinakere, the birthplace of Ambarish and surrounding areas. The high voter turnout, specifically of women, has given rise to the theory that Sumalatha's candidature has struck a chord with them.

Dakshina Kannada Constituency, which usually registers highest poll percentage in State, was pushed to second place by Mandya (Dakshina Kannada secured 77.7 percent yesterday).

In 2013 by-poll, Mandya registered 58.24 percent polling. **Actress Ramya** was elected and as many as 9,42,451 voters had exercised their franchise.

The voter turnout dramatically rose to 71.45 percent in 2014 where **C.S. Puttaraju** of JD(S) got elected by defeating Ramya. As many as 11,98,632 voters had exercised their franchise.

In 2018 Parliamentary by-polls, Mandya registered 52.99 percent polling where JD(S) candidate **L.R. Shivaramegowda** was elected by trouncing BJP candidate **Dr. Siddaramaiah** with a record of margin of 3.25 lakh votes. JD(S) which contested this by-poll after entering a pact with Congress registered an increase of 19.84 percent votes when compared to previous voter turnout. As many as 5,69,347 voters had voted in this election.

This Lok Sabha election, Mandya registered 80.23% voter turnout. There are many reasons attributed for the Constituency recording the highest turnout. One among them is canvassing of bigwigs like Congress President Rahul Gandhi, former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda, former CM Siddharamaiah, Kumaraswamy, Congress strongman D.K. Shivakumar, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, MLA Anitha Kumaraswamy in favour of coalition candidate Nikhil Kumaraswamy and the entry of Sandalwood actors Yash, Darshan, Doddanna, Rockline Venkatesh and Prem into the campaign arena in favour of Sumalatha Ambarish.

Road shows by these popular leaders and actors, open call by Sumalatha to elect her with a record margin of votes to uphold the dignity, self respect and pride of Mandya besides to overthrow dynastic politics are said to have played a crucial role for the record voter turnout.

In a befitting finale to the high-voltage campaign, yesterday's polling day witnessed some skirmishes between Sumalatha's and Nikhil's supporters. The arrival of Nikhil at a polling station triggered emotional outpouring among Ambarish fans who chanted "Nikhil go back".

Nikhil's supporters too responded with "Nikhil ge jai" and a scuffle broke out when Nikhil was garlanded by his supporters. Sumalatha's fans objected to Nikhil's presence at a time when the Election Commission had not permitted Sumalatha to even speak to her supporters.

Nikhil had arrived at the polling station along with Transport Minister D.C. Thammanna and the two sets of supporters pushed and shoved each other. Police and CRPF personnel intervened swiftly to defuse the tension.

The high-voltage fight between Sumalatha and Nikhil has been termed as a battle between Mandya's pride versus loyalty to the Vokkaliga-controlled JD(S). According to local BJP cadres, the presence of Yash and Darshan added colour to Sumalatha's campaign and the crowd had translated into votes.

Year-wise voter turnout in Mandya

2013	Bypolls	9,42,451	58.24%
2014	LS polls	11,98,632	71.45%
2018	Bypolls	5,69,347	52.99%
2019	LS polls	13,72,908	80.23%

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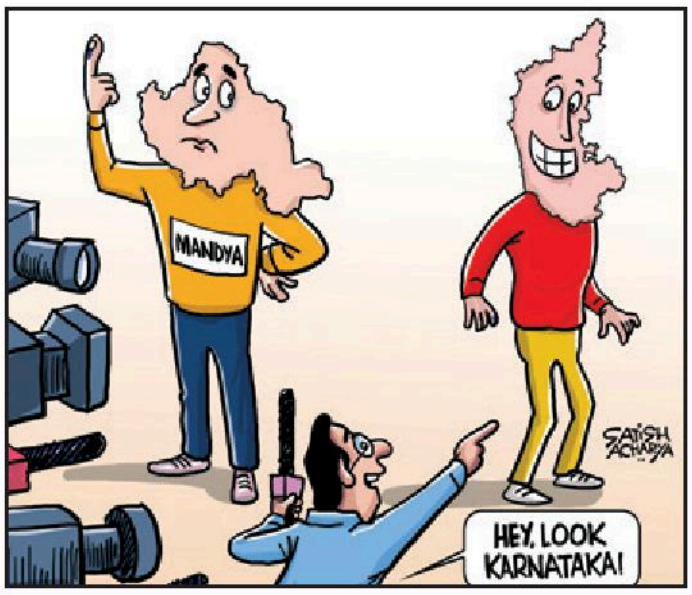

Cooling after Polling

Congress-JD(S) coalition candidate C.H.Vijayashankar in a jovial mood with his family members at his residence in city this morning.

Mysuru, Apr.19 (RKB&SR)- A day after the elections to the Mysuru-Kodagu Parliamentary Constituency, BJP and Congress candidates Pratap Simha and C.H. Vijayashankar were seen in a relaxed mood along with their family members at their homes this morning.

Pratap Simha and his wife Arpitha Simha were exhausted after a hectic campaign schedule since the past 15 days were found at their Vijayanagar residence spending time with daughter Vipanchi Simha.

The campaigning ended on Apr.16, but their door-to-door canvassing continued till the polling day. Arpitha Simha was confident of her husband's victory. She said that she has been suffering from leg pain after canvassing.

Sitting MP Simha also visited his office and discussed booth-wise voting to ascertain and analyse the probable results. Speaking to Star of Mysore, Pratap Simha exuded confidence about his victory and said that voters of the constituency voted for 'Modi wave' which is sweeping the country.

BJP candidate Pratap Simha with his daughter at his home.

He said that he will be canvassing for party candidate at Bidar from tomorrow and later he will be touring North Indian States seeking votes for party candidates.

Congress candidate C.H. Vijayashankar spent most of his time relaxing at his home along with his family members in Vijayanagar. He performed puja at his house and said he was also keen to analyse voting patterns with his supporters and party workers.

He said Mysuru-Kodagu constituency has registered record of voter turnout of 69.25 percent particularly in rural segments which would play a crucial role in his victory.

MLA Ramdas alleges blackmail by tabloid 'journalists'

MLA Ramdas seen addressing press persons in city this morning along with his Secretary Muddukrishna.

Mysuru, Apr. 19 (MTY&DM)- Just a day after the polling for Mysuru-Kodagu LS seat ended, Krishnaraja BJP MLA S.A. Ramdas has alleged blackmail by some persons posing as journalists.

Addressing a press meet at a private hotel in city this morning, Ramdas said that in the run up to the elections, one M. Pradeep alias Madhu Kumar, claiming to be a Mysuru reporter of a weekly tabloid run by one Ramesh, tried to contact him repeatedly over phone over the last 3 months.

As his efforts to contact him (Ramdas) failed, Pradeep contacted Dr. Madhu who is working as a doctor at a Government hospital. Ramdas and Dr. Madhu knew each other.

"As I was busy with polls, I couldn't respond to Dr. Madhu's calls who called me many times. Later, Dr. Madhu sent a message on Apr. 10 saying that he wants to talk on personal issues faced by me and my brother and wanted me to come to a farm house (owned by Madhu) at Mosambayyanahalli where the issue could be settled," Ramdas said.

"I called Dr. Madhu and he told me that a tabloid reporter had some private documents and wanted me to settle the issue with the reporter who was known to him (Dr. Madhu). I and my personal secretary Muddukrishna went to the farmhouse on the night of Apr. 11 when Dr. Madhu and the reporter Pradeep asked me to settle the issue," he said.

The MLA said, "Next morning, Dr. Madhu calls me and asks to settle the issue for Rs. 25 lakh as a price to prevent the tabloid from printing my personal stories. Dr. Madhu also said that 10,000 copies of the tabloid carrying reports on me and my brother's personal issues will be printed on the morning of Apr. 15 and as such I should settle the issue immediately."

"On Apr. 15 morning a copy of the tabloid was thrown at my office at Vidyaranyapuram and my personal assistant lodged a complaint with the Kuvempunagar Police. After the complaint was lodged, I laid a trap and called Dr. Madhu and informed him that I would pay Rs. 5 lakh as advance and asked Dr. Madhu and the reporter (Pradeep) to come to the farmhouse at 4 pm on Apr. 15. But in turn, Pradeep asked me to come near a Community Hall in Jayanagar, where I had come with Rs. 50,000 and covered it in a paper bundle making it to look like Rs. 5 lakh," Ramdas explained.

As Pradeep and Dr. Madhu reached the spot, the Kuvempunagar Police, who were waiting, arrested Pradeep and was remanded in judicial custody while Dr. Madhu was let off on station bail, Ramdas said.

He alleged that apart from Pradeep, Ramesh, M.B. Sharath Kumar, Cheluvaraju, Shekhar Babu and M.N. Rajashekar were involved in the racket. All of them were absconding, Ramdas said and demanded a thorough probe. The MLAs personal secretary Muddukrishna was present at the press meet.

Security Guard injured as metal door falls on him at Rangayana

Mysuru, Apr.19 (RK&NNN)- A Security Guard at the theatre repertory Rangayana in Kalamandira premises was injured when the metal door of the car shed (meant to park the car of the Director) fell on him yesterday at around 4.30 pm.

Security Guard Shesu, who is an outsourced staff was trying to close one side of the nearly 15-feet tall metal door of the shed (which is also used to park the mini bus belonging to Rangayana) when it came crashing down on him resulting in Shesu suffering injuries on his head, mouth and hand. He was immediately rushed to a private hospital at Saraswathipuram, where he went underwent a surgery.

Sources in the Kalamandira campus, speaking to *Star of Mysore*, alleged that the incident happened due to the negligence of Rangayana authorities as they had not bothered to get the iron doors which are almost 15 feet high repaired despite knowing that it was in a precarious condition.

Sources also pointed out that the wall adjoining the shed and the canteen has also developed cracks. With Chinnara Mela going on and hundreds of children coming to attend the camp every day, there are chances of a bigger tragedy to take place if proper precautions are not taken to repair the doors and the cracked wall soon, sources said.

"Will sit by his side if Rahul becomes PM," says Deve Gowda

Bengaluru, Apr. 19 - Former PM H.D. Deve Gowda, who has contested the election from Tumkur Parliamentary Constituency yesterday said, "I will sit by Rahul Gandhi's side if he becomes Prime Minister."

"I announced three years back that I will not contest elections. There are circumstances now in which I have been forced to contest. There is nothing to hide. I have no ambition of anything but what I always said is that I am not going to retire from active politics," the JD (S) chief said.

BAI installs new team for 2019-20

The new team of Builders' Association of India (BAI), Mysore Centre, for the year 2019-20, was installed at a ceremony held at Hotel Country Inn & Suites by Radisson here recently. Sitting from left: R. Raghunath, Hon. Secretary, BAI Mysuru Centre 2019-20; J.V.R. Naidhruva, Chairman, BAI Mysuru Centre 2019-20; K. Sriram, National Vice-President, BAI; Chief guest J.C. Sharma, Vice-Chairman & MD M/s Shobha Limited; R. Ambika Pathy, State Chairman, Karnataka BAI and N.S. Muralidhara, Regional Coordinator, BAI South, who were the guests of honour; K. Subramanya Rao, Imm. Past Chairman, BAI Mysuru Centre; K. Ajit Narayan, Hon. Secretary, BAI Mysuru Centre 2018-19; Standing from left: C.S. Srikanth, H.B. Ravi Rathankar, M.D. Praveen Pal, B.H. Revani Prasad, M.S. Ramprasad, R. Ramesh Rao, T.N. Parthasarathi, M. Rathnaraj, B.S. Dinesh, A.S. Yoganarashima, K.R. Prabhakara Rao, U.M. Gurushanthappa, N. Subramanya, A.R. Ravindra Bhat, N.P. Vishwanath, N.S. Anand, G. Ashok, M.D. Chandrashekar, S.L. Dinesh, K.T. Govindaraju, N. Lokesh, S.K. Shreyams Kumar, V. Mohan Kumar, Santosh Mirle, C.D. Krishna, C.U. Divakar, Mohan N. Kunte, K. Ravi Prakash. On the occasion, Year Planner, Annual Report & Monthly Bulletin Mysore Shilpi were released by the dignitaries. N. Subramanya, Past Chairman, BAI Mysore Centre and Sumalatha Krishnaraj, Member, Spoorthi – The Ladies Wing of BAI Mysuru Centre, compered.

Lok Sabha Polls: EVMs under 3-tier security

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While machines from Constituencies in Mysuru arrived by 2 am, due to rain in remote parts of Kodagu, vehicles that were transporting the voting machines from there arrived only this morning. After the EVMs and VVPATs were placed at respective places, the rooms were sealed.

Each EVM has a unique code number and have been stored in containers and coded according to booths and Constituencies. Since this time VVPATs are used in all the booths, the respective VVPAT machine is also numbered accordingly and coded. If there is any confusion regarding voting in any booth, VVPATs are taken out and the voter data is accessed by the Returning Officer.

The Strong Rooms (including windows) are sealed in such a way that no one has access. The entry point of Strong Rooms has CCTV coverage round-the-clock. Metal detectors have been set up at the main entrance and there are more than 100 CCTV cameras guarding the insides of the building and over 30 cameras have been set up for outside vigil.

A log book is being maintained by the security personnel where entries are made about date, time, duration and name(s) of anyone entering near the Strong Rooms. This includes visits by the Observers or District Election Officers, media, candidates or their agents or any other person.

A fire engine has been stationed outside the strong room along with the vehicles of Reserve Police. An Anti-Sabotage Team has been put on constant surveillance both inside and outside the building and Bomb Squad is conducting checks once in two hours.

As per the Election Commission norms, the existing power line to the building has been disconnected and fresh power lines have been drawn to prevent short circuits and other related accidents.

Today morning, Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar, who is also the Returning Officer of the Mysuru-Kodagu seat, inspected the strong rooms along with City Police Commissioner K.T. Balakrishna and Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) M. Muthuraj.

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's contributions to women empowerment recalled

Principal of Basudev Somani College Dr. M. Mahadevaiah lighting the candle to pay homage to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar at the 128th birth anniversary celebration of Dr. Ambedkar at Basudev Somani College in city recently as (from left) Managing Trustee of Basudev Somani College Dr. M. Puttaswamy, Director of Centre for Gandhian Studies, University of Mysore Prof. M. S. Shekar, SBRR Mahajana College Journalism faculty Dr. Bhargavi D. Hemmige and faculty Ramesh look on. Picture right shows a section of students paying tributes to Dr. Ambedkar.

Mysuru, Apr.19- "Dr. B.R. Ambedkar stood for women's education and equality. As a Labour Minister in the Viceroy Executive Council during 1940s he was instrumental in passing 'Mines Maternity Benefit Bill' for women all over India," said Prof. M.S. Shekar, Director, Centre for Gandhian Studies, University of Mysore .

He was speaking at Dr. Ambedkar's 128th birth anniversary celebrations, organised by Basudev Somani College at its premises here recently and said, "Under this Act, a woman working in the mine is entitled to maternity benefit for a period of 8 weeks. And he conceptualised equal pay for equal work irrespective of the sex."

Dr. Ambedkar insisted on the education of girls. He strongly believed that if a boy gets education, he is the only person to get educated in a family. Perhaps, if a girl child is educated in a family, the whole family is benefited. Furthermore, Ambedkar, who was the architect of the Hindu Code Bill which advocated property rights, adoption rights, widow remarriage even went on to resign from the post of Law Minister when he understood the inability of Nehru Cabinet to pass the Bill, he said.

Even though Ambedkar suffered discrimination by the people of upper caste, we should also look at the flipside as it was a Brahmin teacher who mentored Ambedkar, who also gave his surname, he added.

Dr. Bhargavi D. Hemmige, Media Faculty, at SBRR Mahajana College said that such celebrations become meaningful only when we understand, emulate and get inspired by people like Ambedkar.

Ambedkar founded and edited, five newspapers — *Mook Nayak, Bahiskrit Bharat, Samata, Prabuddha Bharat* and *Janata* and the very titles speak about the objectives of the papers. Ambedkar during his last days regretted that journalism which in India was once a service had become a trade, she said.

Women in India should remember and thank Babasaheb Ambedkar for Article 14, which gave equal rights and opportunities in political, economic and social spheres, Article 15 and 15 (3) which enables affirmative discrimination in favour of women, Article 42 which gives maternity benefits and finally, Article 243D (3), 243T (3) & 243R (4) which provides for the allocation of seats in the Panchayat Raj System. But it is unfortunate that we are yet to get 33 percent reservation in State Assembly and Parliament, she noted.

Managing Trustee Dr. M. Puttaswamy told the students to be good citizens and pursue excellence. Dr. M. Mahadevaiah presided. Faculty and students lighted candles as a mark of respect to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, according to a release.

'Mahaveer Ahimsa' Award presented

Mysuru, Apr.19 (US&MK) - 'The whole world can be made nuclear weapon-free by treading on the *Ahimsa* path shown by Bhagawan Mahaveer,' opined noted Film Music Director Hamsalekha. He was speaking after inaugurating a function organised by Sri Mahaveer Seva Sansthan at M.L. Vardhamanaiah Memorial Hall on Chandragupta Road here on Wednesday evening as part of the 2618th Jayanti of Bhagawan Mahaveer.

Writer and retired History Professor N. Venkoba Rao was felicitated on the occasion and conferred 'Sri Mahaveer Ahimsa' Award. Hamsalekha observed that the world is getting destroyed by power-mongers using nuclear weapons as humans are monkeying around with weapons. He said that Mahaveer, Buddha and Basavanna preached *Ahimsa* but the word is becoming a misnomer now going by the uncontrolled violence, hatred and animosity across the globe. He commended the contribution of Jain writers to Kannada literature.

Speaking after receiving the award, Venkoba Rao lauded the music prowess of Hamsalekha. He opined that *Ahimsa* philosophy would be the only solution for all problems facing humanity.

Jain Mahila Samaja President Sheela Anantharaj, ML Jain Boarding Home Secretary Shyamala Madankumar, M.A. Sudhir Kumar, Padma Dhanyakumar and others were present.

Muslim brethren to celebrate Shab-e-Barath tomorrow

Mysuru, Apr. 19 (KS) - Muslim brethren will be celebrating Shab-e-Barath (Night of Forgiveness) in city tomorrow (Apr. 20) evening.

Special prayers have been organised at various Mosques and after prayers, Ulmas will deliver lecture on Fazilath Shab-e-Barath. Muslim brethren will visit graveyards at midnight and offer floral tribute to the departed souls. On this occasion, Namaz Isha prayers have been arranged by various Management Committees and Namaz -e-Isha timings are as follows at various mosques in city.

9.30 pm: Masjid-e-Kutchi Memon on Ashoka Road (Hazarath Moulana Rafiuddin Qasmy will deliver lecture after Namaz), Masjid Halai Memon Jamath, Shivarampet and Masjid-e-Syed Ahmed, S.A. Layout at Rajivnagar.

10 pm: Masjid Hazarath Gumnam Sha Wali at Bannimantap, Mecca Masjid at Rajivnagar 2nd stage, Jamiya Masjid on Irwin Road, Masjid Feel Khana at Khille Mohalla, Masjid-ya-Rub at Rajivnagar 4th Stage, Masjid-e-Khair-ul-Wara at Rajivnagar 2nd stage, Masjid-e-Eidgah on Mission Hospital Road, Masjid Khatoon-e-Jamath at Kesare, Belavatha, Masjid Dargahi on Sawday Road, Masjid Zeenath-ul-Masajid (Nawab Saheb) on 100 Feet Road, Masjid Tippu Sultan at Tippu Town on Mahadevapura Road, Masjid Rehamaniya, near Silk Factory, Masjid-e-Mir Hayath on K.T. Street, Masjid-e-Ya Rasool Allah at Rajivnagar 1st Stage, Masjid-e-Shoudal-wo-Badar (Ek-Minarate) on Azeez Sait Road in Shanthinagar and Masjid-e-Munawara at R.S. Naidu Nagar.

10.30 pm: Masjid-e-Azam Markaz Ahle Sunnath-wo-Jamath on Ashoka Road, Masjid-e-Moula Ali at Ghousianagar and Masjid Aqsa near Fountain Circle.

Mansoor Sait Kushali, President, Management Committee of Masjid Hali Memon Jamath, Shivarampet, Mysuru said that Iftar has been organised for fasting person on Apr. 20 and 21at 6.45 pm at the Masjid premises and Salath-o-Tasbi prayer on Apr. 20 followed after Namaz-e-Maqrib prayer at Masjid Hali Memon Jamath at Shivarampet and Masjid-e-Khair-ul-Wara at Rajivnagar. For details, contact Mob: 90369-69069.

'Vidyadaan by YOU'

Collection of old text books

Mysuru, Apr. 19 (KS) - Bharatiya Jain Sanghatan (BJS), will be collecting old text books from 1st PUC and above passing students as part of Vidyadaan by YOU-2019 to be distributed to the poor and needy students.

Text books will be collected on Apr. 21, May 5, 19 and June 2 from 9.30 am to 11.30 am at Sri Sthanak Jain Bhavan at halladakeri, Sri Terapanth Bhavan on M.G. Road and at Sri Kunthunath Jain Temple at Ittegegud.

For details, contact Jain Prakash Gulecha, on Mob: 93434-99333 or 93421-00100.

MI climb to 2nd spot with 40-run win

New Delhi, Apr. 19- The Mumbai Indians (MI) climbed to second position in the VIVO IPL 2019 standings after they defeated the Delhi Capitals (DC) by 40 runs at the Feroze Shah Kotla Ground on Thursday night. After their captain Rohit Sharma had won an important toss and elected to bat, the Mumbai posted 168-5 and then restricted DC to 128-9.

Realising that the playing surface was extremely dry and would give the batsmen no pace, the MI opening pair of Rohit Sharma and Quinton de Kock took toll of the hardness of the new ball and got their team off to a flying start; they added 57 runs in the powerplay. But spin was introduced in the sixth over — in the form of Amit Mishra — and the opening pair was separated; the Delhi leg-spinner breached the defences of Rohit Sharma (30 of 22 balls) with his first ball.

The decision to promote Ben Cutting — a forced inclusion in the MI XI — didn't yield the desired results as the Australian was dismissed for 2. Two overs later de Kock (35 from 27 balls) was involved in a mix-up with Suryakumar Yadav and was dismissed for 35. MI were 75-3 at the half-way mark, and added 43 runs in the next eight overs.

The final flourish was provided by the Pandya brothers. The brothers took 17 runs off the 18th over bowled by Keemo Paul and added a further 15 runs in the 19th over bowled by Chris Morris.

Hardik Pandya and Krunal Pandya at the crease.

There was plenty of action in the final over which produced 18 runs and a wicket; Hardik struck a six and perished, after which Krunal collected boundaries of the fourth and fifth deliveries. MI added 50 in the last three overs to finish strongly.

A read of the Delhi Capitals' bowling figures will reveal that it was a well-calculated approach by the Mumbai Indians batsmen. They took 131 from the 13 overs bowled by the quick bowlers, and only 35 runs from the seven overs bowled by the two spinners. It was perhaps an error in calculation that the Delhi Capitals skipper Shreyas Iyer did not utilise Amit Mishra's fourth over. Kagiso Rabada, with two wickets, was the most successful bowler for hosts, while Mishra and Axar Patel picked up a wicket each.

Delhi's pursuit of 169 was never going to be easy, given the nature of the pitch. Though Dhawan (35 from 22 balls) got off to a brisk start and dominated a 49-run opening stand, none of the Delhi Capitals batsmen could cope with the slowness of the surface or the mounting required run rate. Axar Patel's 23-ball 26 would be the second-highest score of the DC innings. The Delhi Capitals, despite scoring at eight runs an over in the powerplay, could only add 80 runs in the remaining 14 overs; they finished their 20 overs at 128-9.

For MI, Rahul Chahar picked up three wickets, Jasprit Bumrah collected two wickets, while Lasith Malinga and the two Pandya brothers picked up a wicket each.

Standout batting performance

Hardik Pandya did the finishing job for the Mumbai Indians – yet again. On Thursday, he scored 32 in quick time; his 15-ball knock contained two boundaries and three sixes. The standout shot of his innings was the helicopter. Second ball of the final over, Kagiso Rabada bowled a 149.9kph length delivery, but Hardik stood deep in the crease and unleashed the helicopter, his strong wrists carrying the ball over the midwicket boundary.

Krunal Pandya found it hard to cope with the slowness of the surface and struggled for timing early on in his innings. He was 20 from 18 balls at one stage – which included eight runs from two boundaries off poor deliveries – before he collected three boundaries in the last three overs to finish unbeaten on 37 – the highest individual score in the match.

IPL Season-12

Today's Match

KKR Vs **RCB**
Eden Gardens, Kolkata, **8 pm**

Tomorrow's Matches

RR Vs **MI**
Sawai Mansingh Stadium, Jaipur, **4 pm**

DC Vs **KXIP**
Feroz Shah Kotla Ground, Delhi, **8 pm**

Yesterday's Result

DC 128/9 (20)
lost to
MI 168/5 (20)

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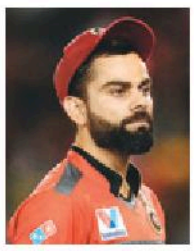
Last chance for Kohli's RCB to stay afloat



Kolkata, Apr. 19- In match 35 of VIVO IPL 2019, Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) will host Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) at the Eden Gardens here tonight.

Both KKR and RCB lost their last matches against Chenani Super Kings (CSK) and Mumbai Indians (MI). KKR and RCB are at the sixth and eighth spots in the 2019 IPL Points Table.

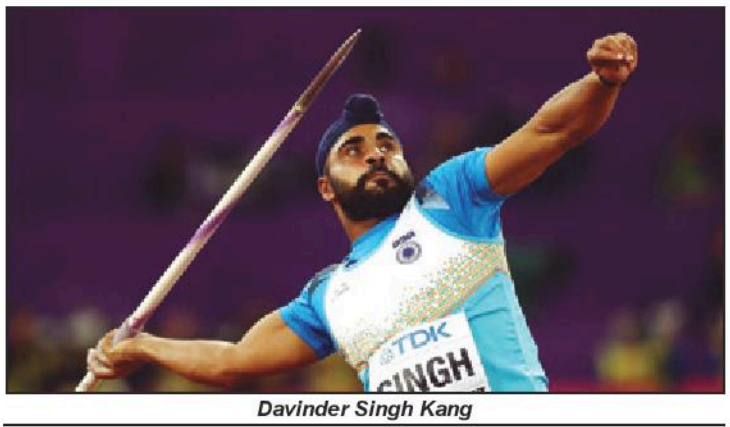
Dinesh Karthik-led KKR have lost their sheen after losing three matches in a row. RCB, after a glimmer of hope with their first win, was defeated yet again. It looks difficult for RCB to make its way into the playoffs but KKR would look to improve its points with a win to remain in the title's contention. A win for Bangalore can deteriorate Kolkata's plans.

2019 Asian Athletics Championships in Doha

Cleared of doping charges, Davinder Singh named in 43-Member India Team

New Delhi, Apr.19- Javelin thrower Davinder Singh Kang, who has recently been cleared of doping charges by the Athletics Integrity Unit of the world governing body, made a dramatic return to the Indian team as he was named among 43 athletes for the Asian Championships starting in Doha on Apr. 21.

The 30-year-old Kang was handed a provisional suspension in 2017 after his urine samples returned positive for anabolic steroids. But he was recently cleared of doping charges by both the AIU and WADA after the National Dope Testing Laboratory withdrew the adverse analytical finding issued to his urine sample.



Davinder Singh Kang

Kang, who has a personal best of 82.16m, did not touch the qualifying standard of 80.75m set by the Athletics Federation of India in any of the two events he took part this season after being cleared of the doping charges but has been named in the team in the last minute.

He finished fifth with a throw of 79.31m in the Federation Cup in March while he managed 74.28m to win gold in the National Javelin Thrown Open Championships on Tuesday in Sonipat. The 43-member Indian team will not have star javelin thrower and national record holder Neeraj Chopra, who won gold in Asian Games and Commonwealth Games, due an elbow injury.

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Skaters sensitise voters on polling day in city

Mysuru, Apr.19(YDS&DM)- In a novel way of creating voter awareness on compulsory voting, some spirited youths of the city took to skating on Thursday to sensitise the electorate on the importance of voting.

The youths went on a skating-spree passing through Siddartha Layout, Nazarbad, Town Hall, MMC&RI, Shivarampet, JLB Road, Ursu Boarding School, DC office and other areas, even as the polls were underway for the Mysuru-Kodagu LS seat. Pratap, Sandesh, Anjan, Aravind and Sanjay were part of the skating team.

Drain works damage house compound

Drain works undertaken on Manujapatha Road, behind State Bank of India (SBI) in Kuvempunagar, has damaged the compound wall and the gate of a house on the road as huge machines were pressed into service to remove the existing drain and dig trenches close to the compound. Residents said that the drain works were taken up about 10 days ago and alleged that the existing good drain was unnecessarily removed and new drain was constructed. But the access to the houses were cut as the contractor forgot to put temporary steps or wooden planks for the residents to move in and out of their homes thus causing a lot of inconvenience to them. Despite being more than 10 days since the works were taken up, there is hardly any progress in the works and even the debris is not cleared causing a lot of problems to the residents as well to the public. Residents have urged the authorities concerned to speed up the works and complete the same at the earliest.

Modified pushcarts to vendors

On the occasion of the 31st Charter Nite Anniversary held recently, Lions Club of Mysore Midtown donated three modified pushcarts to three vendors to improve their income and livelihood. The beneficiaries who received the pushcarts are seen with the office-bearers of Lions Club of Mysore Midtown.

New classrooms inaugurated

ROUND TABLE INDIA FREEDOM THROUGH EDUCATION SCHOOL BLOCK AT
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A Project undertaken by : MYSORE AMITY ROUND TABLE 156
MART-156
MALC 108

Seen in the picture are** (from left) **Ganesh Ramprakash, Tr. K.K. Kailash, Tr. Daksh Doulthram, Secretary Tr. Adith Raju, MART-156 Chairman Tr. Sheethal Padmaraju, Area 13 Project Convenor Tr. C.V. Mahesh, Area 13 Chairman Sidharth Shastry, MALC-108 Chairperson Cr. Swetha Ganesh, Cr. Sampada Sheethal, Cr Rupal Chirag, MART-156 Project Convenor Tr. Chirag Mehta and Tr. Manu Bharath.

Mysuru, Apr. 19 (KS) - Mysore Amity Round Table (MART)-156 has completed the Classroom Project and renovation of Government Higher Primary School at Kaniyana Hundi village in H.D. Kote Taluk and the same was inaugurated recently.

The project was undertaken by MART-156 with financial support of Mysore Amity Ladies Circle (MALC) - 108 and Round Table -156, Nunspeet, Netherlands.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Padde Hulli	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
Nruthyam	Lakshmi	2443584	2 Shows
	Skyline	2481170	2 Shows
Thrayambakam	Padma	2521923	2 Shows
	Prabha	2423569	3 Shows
Punarvasu Nakshathra Mithuna Rashi			
	Prabha	2423569	1 Show
Kavaludaari	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
Yajamana	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Panchatantra	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Kavacha	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
HINDI			
Kalank	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
Junglee	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Kanchana-3	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
	Lakshmi	2443584	2 Shows
	Skyline	2481170	2 Shows
Vellai Pookal	Padma	2521923	2 Shows
Super Deluxe	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
Kamaleelai	Uma	2520009	4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Kavaludaari (K)	(S-1)	10.30 am, 4.25, 7.10 pm
Kavacha (K)	(S-1)	1.20 pm
Kanchana -3 (Ta)	(S-1)	9.55 pm
Padde Hulli (K)	(S-2)	1.00 pm
The Tashkent Files (H)	(S-2)	4.10 pm
Jersey (Te)	(S-2)	7.00 pm
	(S-4)	3.50 pm
Athiran (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Kalank (H)	(S-3)	1.00 pm, 4.15 pm
	(S-4)	10.05 am, 6.50 pm, 9.55
The Curse Of The Weeping Woman (E)		
	(S-3)	10.50 am, 7.45 pm, 9.55
Thrayambakam (K)	(S-4)	1.25 pm

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Kalank (H)	(S-1)	10.00 am, 3.45 pm
	(S-2)	11 am, 2.35, 6.10, 9.45 pm
Kavaludaari (K)	(S-3)	3.35 pm, 9.55 pm
Punarvasu Nakshathra Mithuna Rashi (K)		
	(S-4)	1.10 pm
The Curse Of The Weeping Woman (E)		
	(S-3)	10.10 am
	(S-1)	1.30 pm, 7.15 pm
Kanchana -3 (Ta)	(S-3)	12.15 pm
	(S-1)	9.30 pm
Padde Hulli (K)	(S-4)	10.00 am; (S-3) 6.35 pm
Jersey (Te)	(S-4)	3.45 pm, 9.50 pm
Thrayambakam (K)	(S-4)	7.05 pm

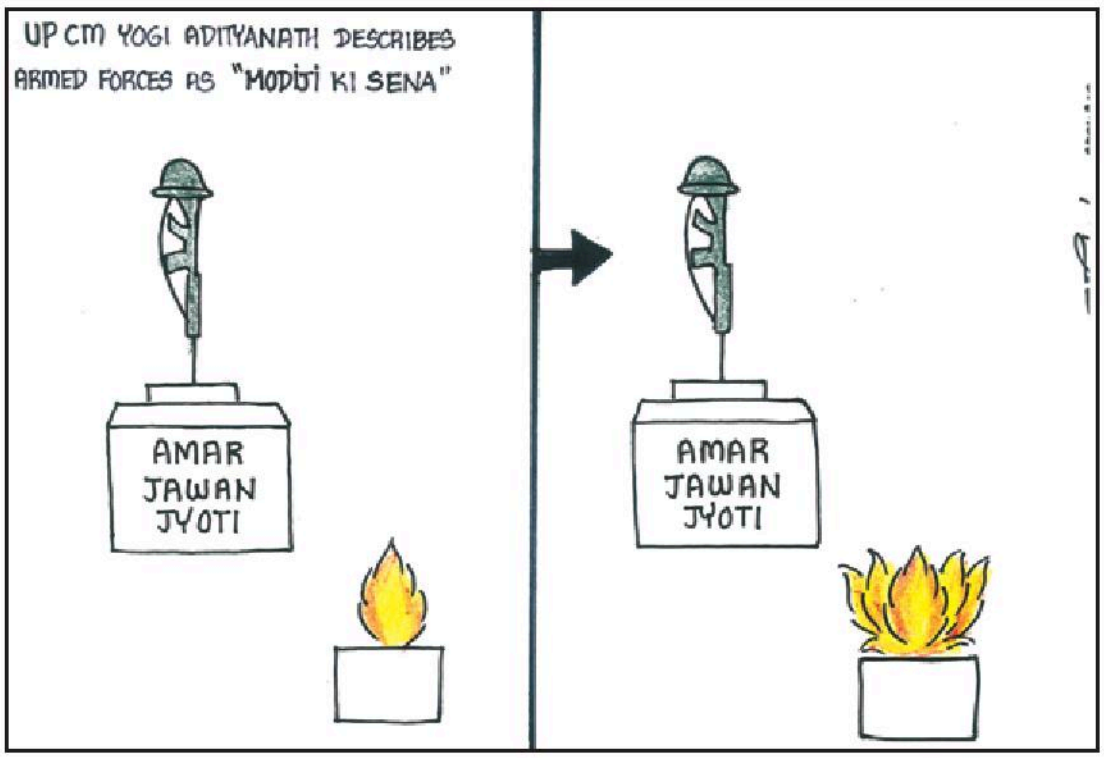
PVR CINEMAS — www.pvrcinemas.com

Kalank (H)	9 am, 12.35 pm, 2.55 pm
	6.25 pm, 9.35 pm, 10.00 pm
The Curse of The Weeping Woman (A) (E)	
	9.05 am, 12.40 pm, 4.10, 9.50 pm
Paddehuli (K)	9.20 am, 6.30 pm
Punarvasu Nakshathra Mithuna Rashi (K)	
	9.40 am
Kanchana 3 (Ta)	11.20 am, 6.00 pm
Jersey (Te)	12.20 pm, 6.30 pm
Kavaludaari (K)	2.55 pm, 9.50 pm
Thrayambakam (K)	3.40 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

TEASER

By N. Prakash



World Health Day celebrated by FPAI

Mysuru, Apr. 19 (KS) - Family Planning Association of India (FPAI), Mysuru Branch, in association with J.C. Tech Apparels, Mysuru, celebrated World Health Day in city recently.

The programme was inaugurated by Channappaji of J.C Tech Apparels. Dr. S.S. Malini, Associate Professor of Zoology, University of Mysore, who delivered the keynote address, said that health is wealth and good health of people is necessary for the upliftment of the society. She focussed on the importance of women in the betterment of the family.

Prof. S.N. Hegde, Chairperson, FPAI, who presided, highlighted the activities of FPAI and announced that a Home Based Nursing Care training programme of four months duration will be started shortly for High School drop-outs.

Dr. Mylahalli Revanna, Member of FPAI, was the chief guest. A free health check-up camp was organised for the employees of J.C Tech Apparels on the occasion.

Kreeda Kaushalya from Apr. 21

Mysuru, Apr.19- Kreeda Kaushalya, the tradiitional board games extravaganza, organised by Ramsons Kala Pratishtana will be inaugurated on Apr. 21 at 11 am at Pratima Gallery annexe of Handicrafts Sales Emporium, opposite Mysuru Zoo at Ittigegud in city.

LS Polls: Mysuru region sees marked increase in voter turnout

Mysuru, Apr.19(RK&DM)- With the polls for 14 Lok Sabha (LS) Constituencies in the southern part of the State ending yesterday, the figures after the end of the polling show a marked increase in poll percentage in Mysuru-Kodagu, Hassan, Chamarajanagar and Mandya LS segments of Mysuru region as compared to the previous Lok Sabha polls in 2004 and 2009.

The rise in poll percentage can be attributed to the voter awareness campaigns conducted by the Election Commission, District Administration, MCC SVEEP committee and other organisations.

The increase may also be due to special electoral rolls revision drive, inclusion of new voters, setting up of voter helpline etc. General organisations and business establishments / hotels etc., offered concessions/discounts to voters who displayed their inked fingers and this also played a significant role in higher voter turnout.

The Mysuru-Kodagu LS seat which recorded a poll percentage of 58.88 in 2009, saw an increased voter turnout of 66.53 in 2014 LS polls. Now this figure has touched 68.85 percent, which is 2.32 percent higher when compared to 2014.

In Mandya, the voter turnout recorded yesterday was 80.23 percent, the highest among the 14 Lok Sabha seats which went to the polls yesterday.

In 2014, Mandya saw a voter turnout of 71.42 percent.

In Chamarajanagar, the voter turnout after yesterday's polls stood at 74.11 percent which is 1.3 percent higher as compared to 2014. In 2009, the Constituency had recorded a poll percentage of 67.97 percent.

In Hassan, the polling recorded yesterday was 77.28 percent, which is 1.25 percent higher as compared to 2014. In 2009, Hassan recorded a voter turnout of 69.17 percent.

Bus transporting EVMs catches fire

Mysuru, Apr.19 (YDS&DM)- A KSRTC bus transporting EVMs to a de-mustering centre in city after polling for Lok Sabha polls ended yesterday, caught fire causing tension for some time on Thursday evening.

The KSRTC bus was transporting EVMs from Booth Nos. 242 and 245 in Chamundeshwari Assembly segment of Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha Constituency to the de-mustering centre at Maharani's College of Arts for women yesterday evening, when fire erupted from the bus all of a sudden on Gavimutt Road in Gowrishankaranagar.

The alert driver immediately stopped the bus and disconnected electric cable wires, from which the fire is said to have emanated reportedly due to a short circuit and thus stopped the fire from spreading further.

Soon, another KSRTC bus was summoned to the spot and the EVMs were transported safely to the de-mustering centre. No EVMs got damaged in the fire, which brought relief to poll officials, it is learnt.

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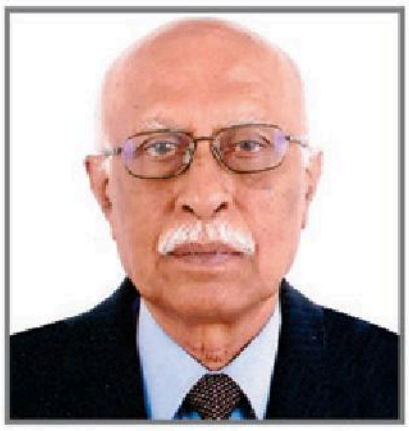

Muckatira Mandanna (Jappu)

Those we love don't go away,
they walk beside us every day,
unseen, unheard but always near,
still loved, still missed & very dear

— Rani, Arun, Arathi, Vijay
Greeshma & grandchildren

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WORD OF THE DAY

Traduce

Pronunciation: truh-DOOSS

Meaning: To expose or blame by means of falsehood and misrepresentation, violate, betray.
Origin: Traduce is one of a number of English synonyms that you can choose when you need a word that means "to injure by speaking ill of."
Choose traduce when you want to stress the deep personal humiliation, disgrace, and distress felt by the victim.
If someone doesn't actually lie, but makes statements that injure by specific and often subtle misrepresentations, malign may be the more precise choice. To make it clear that the speaker is malicious and the statements made are false, calumniate is a good option. But if you need to say that certain statements represent an attempt to destroy a reputation by open and direct abuse, vilify is the word you want.
Example: Here, at last, was someone prepared publicly to speak up for the BBC when so many others were seeking to traduce and destroy it." — Jason Cowley, New Statesman, 19 Nov. 2012.

THE ODD WORD

Taniwha

A mythical monster which, lives in very deep water.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

A tinker's damn

Meaning: Something that is insignificant or worthless.

Origin: There's some debate over whether this phrase should be 'tinker's dam' - a small dam to hold solder, used by tinkers when mending pans, or 'tinker's damn' - a tinker's curse, considered of little significance because tinkers were reputed to swear habitually. If we go back to 1877, in the Practical Dictionary of Mechanics, Edward Knight puts forward this definition: "Tinker's-dam - a wall of dough raised around a place which a plumber desires to flood with a coat of solder. The material can be but once used; being consequently thrown away as worthless." That version of events has gone into popular folklore and many people believe it.
Knight may well have been a fine mechanic but there has to be some doubt about his standing as an etymologist. There is no corroborative evidence for his speculation and he seems to have fallen foul of the curse of folk etymologists - plausibility. If an ingenious story seems to neatly fit the bill then it must be true. Well, in this case it isn't. The Victorian preference of 'dam' over 'damn' may also owe something to coyness over the use of a profanity in polite conversation.
Example: "A tinkler's curse she did na care what she did think or say."

QUOTE BOX

The first rule of intelligent tinkering is to save all the parts. **—Paul R. Ehrlich**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the picture rebus below:

Answer: Small talk.

SUDOKU

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				4		9	3	
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Answer to previous puzzle

5	2	8	4	7	9	6	1	3
3	7	9	5	1	6	4	8	2
4	1	6	2	3	8	9	5	7
6	9	4	1	8	3	7	2	5
2	5	1	9	4	7	3	6	8
7	8	3	6	2	5	1	4	9
9	6	7	8	5	1	2	3	4
1	4	5	3	9	2	8	7	6
8	3	2	7	6	4	5	9	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Enjoy sunlight
5 Create a storm in a teacup, maybe
9 Supplemental Type Certificate
12 Ever present as a prefix
13 Florence's river
14 Royal Aeroscape, abbr.
15 Observed
16 Scorns or looks down on
18 Move furtively
20 Three-masted schooner
21 Perfumed powder
24 Giraffe's kin
27 Chummy
31 ___ away : escaped?
32 Artificial Intelligence Advisory Committee
33 Samuel's teacher in the Good Book?
34 Remains of pressed grapes
35 Ring Laser Gyro
36 Begin or start a journey? (3,5)
38 Seaport in southern Japan
41 Legume seed
42 Scurries or dashes through
44 Ivan the Terrible, Nicholas, et al.
48 Lively
52 Bound to make escape difficult
53 Strong drink
54 Not often found
55 ___ Ferber : "So Big" author?
56 Chopping tool
57 Ski lift (1-3)
58 Smell of smoke

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

A	C	E	D	■	O	P	E	■	C	U	P	S
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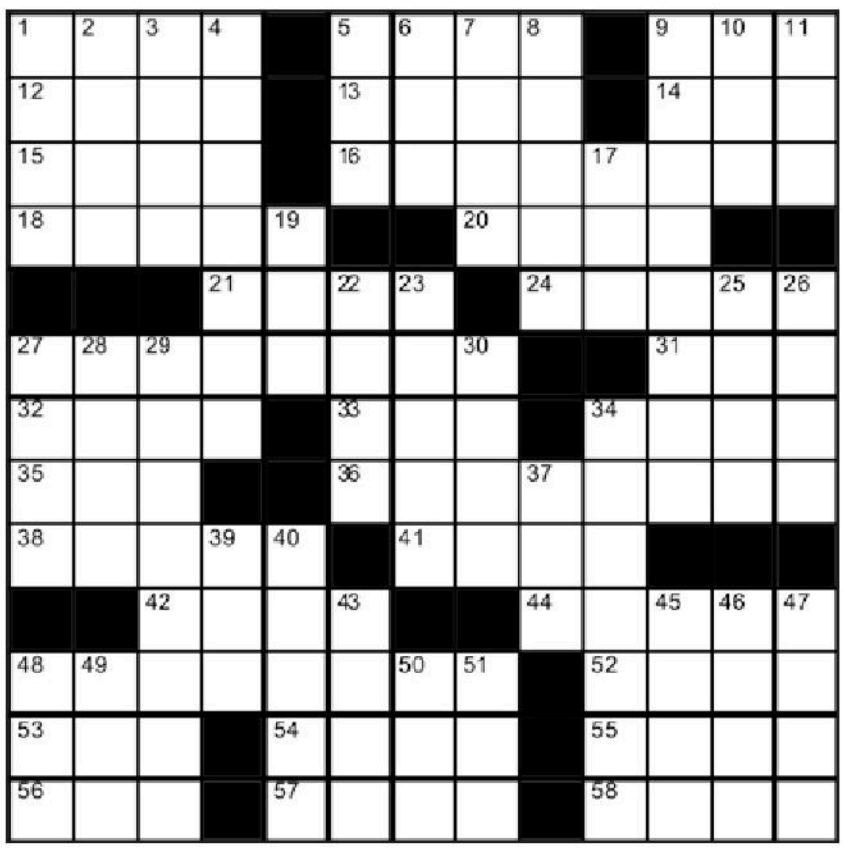
DOWN

1 Pear variety
2 Abbrev. for America - "mare" anagram?
3 Cut, snicker - "seen" anagram?
4 Producing motion, active
5 Causing sorrow
6 Three as a prefix
7 Short for 'this month'
8 Cowboy competition
9 Capital of Jammu and Kashmir
10 Light brown
11 These in French
17 Noah's ship
19 Friend or chum
22 Fibs or untruths
23 "Cable" anagram for a Biblical name?
25 Any __ in a storm
26 Desire to scratch
27 A type of card game
28 Is unwell or sick
29 Periodic publication usually illustrated
30 Ceremony
34 Fearsome creature
37 Obese; not thin
39 Kimberley's pet name?
40 Separate
43 Strike with a knife
45 Assistant
46 Titular king of Naples (1409-80)
47 Mt. Rushmore's state (1,3)
48 Turk VIP
49 A quantity of no importance; nil
50 Period of years
51 Munich the



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

PEV Q WXMBS EY BLUSBPRB BJUWVW UP YQLEM

EY VXB USBQ VXQV OUYB UW WBMUECW

TODAY'S CLUE: L EQUALS V

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: There are two motives for reading a book: one, that you enjoy it; the other, that you can boast about it

EVENTS TODAY (APR.19)

Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Charitable Trust, Srirampet: 129th anniversary celebration of Sri Vikari Nama Samvatsara, discourse on 'Ramayana' by retd. Engineer and Vidwan K. Ramachandra, Temple premises, **5 pm to 6 pm;** Vocal recital by Trichur Brothers — Vid. Krishna Mohan & Vid. Ramkumar Mohan, accompanied on violin by Vid. B.K. Raghu, mridanga by Vid. Trichur Mohan and ghata by Vid. Kovai Suresh, Alamma Choultry, Kunchitagara Sangha, Srirampet, **6.30 pm to 9.30 pm.**

Nrityagiri Academy of Performing Arts & Research Centre, Mysuru: Bharatanatyam Rangapravesha of R. Varshini, disciple of Guru Vidu. Dr. Kripa Phadke, N. Parthasarathi, former Ambassador of India to South Korea & Chief Executive Officer, KSCA, Bengaluru, presides, J.K. Srinivasa Murthy, renowned Senior Kannada Film Actor, Bengaluru and Natyacharya Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao, Director, Nupura Kalavidaru, Mysuru, chief guests, Guruvandana to Guru Vidushi Dr. Kripa Phadke Director, Nrityagiri, Mysuru, Jaganmohan Palace, **5.30 pm.**

Sri Rama Seva Mandali, Sri Shankaranarayanaswamy Temple, Chamundipuram: Sri Ramotsava, Sri Satyanarayana Puja, Temple premises, **6 pm.**

Suttur Mutt, Mysuru Branch: Monthly moonlight music, vocal music concert by Vid. Mysuru N. Srinath, accompanied on violin by Vid. C.N. Thyagarajan, mridanga by Vid. P. Nataraj and Vid. V.S. Ramesh on ghata, Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, Mutt premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6 pm.**

Sri Sitarama Temple Trust, Railway Colony: Sri Ramanavami Mahotsava, Sri Sitarama Kalyana Mahotsava, Sri Sitarama Temple premises, **6 pm.**

Ganavisharada Shri Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetarama Mandira: 103rd Ramanavami Music Festival, vocal concert by Vid. M.R. Sudha from Mysuru, accompanied by Vid. Janardhan on violin, Vid. Cheluvaraju on mridanga and Vid. Sharath Koushik on ghata, Mandira premises, Devaraja Mohalla, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Rama Temple, Palace North Gate: Sri Ramanavami Cultural Programmes — Classical Music Concert by Rekha and Shashwati, Temple premises, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APR.20)

Sri Sitarama Temple Trust, Railway Colony: Sri Ramanavami Mahotsava, Panchamruta Abhisheka - Pattabhisheka, **7 am;** Pallaki Rathotsava, Sri Sitarama Temple premises, **6 pm.**

Sri Rama Temple, Palace North Gate: Sri Ramanavami Mahotsava, Abhisheka, Parayana, Archane and other puja rituals, **8 am;** Sri Rama Tharaka Homa, **9 am;** Cultural Programmes — Music Concert by Vid. M.N. Sundar and troupe, Temple premises, **7 pm.**

Ghanakrithi: A Sculpture Show Preview by Veeranna M. Arkasali, inauguration by Swami Athmajnanandaji of RK Ashrama and MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag, Chamarajendra Government College of Visual Arts, Siddarthanagar, **4.30 pm.**

Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Charitable Trust, Srirampet: 129th anniversary celebration of Sri Vikari Nama Samvatsara, discourse on 'Ramayana' by retd. Engineer and Vidwan K. Ramachandra, Temple premises, **5 pm to 6 pm;** Violin Duet by Vid. Venkataram and Vishu Venkatram, accompanied on mridanga by Vid. Anur Anantha Krishna Sharma and khanjira by Vid. Sunad, Alamma Choultry, Kunchitagara Sangha, Srirampet, **6.30 pm to 9.30 pm.**

Sri Rama Seva Mandali, Sri Shankaranarayanaswamy Temple, Chamundipuram: Sri Ramotsava, Music Concert by Vid. Sriramshastri, Bengaluru, accompanied by Vid. Mysore Keshava on violin, Vid. Radhesh on mridanga and Vid. S. Manjunath on ghata, Temple premises, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Shantivratanandaji speaks on 'Srimad Bhagavad Gita,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Ganavisharada Shri Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetarama Mandira: 103rd Ramanavami Music Festival, vocal concert by Vid. T.V. Shankaranarayana from Chennai, accompanied by Vid. Mathoor Srinidhi on violin, Vid. K.V. Prasad on mridanga and Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on ghata, Mandira premises, Devaraja Mohalla, **6.30 pm.**

Mahesh Theatre Group: Staging of play 'Tabarana Kathe,' directed by Mayasandra Krishna Prasad (Rangayana), cine director T.S. Nagabharana inaugurates, Rangayana Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswam, Kannada & Culture Asst. Director H. Channappa and cultural thinker Ramesh Gubbigudu guests, Kalamandira, **7 pm.**

EDITOR'S CHOICE

THE TASHKENT FILES is a Hindi thriller that revolves around the mysterious death of India's 2nd Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri and attempts to uncover if he had actually died a natural death or as alleged was assassinated.

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